

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The assembly as claimed in Claim [[2]]11, characterized in that wherein the ring (44) has an external screw thread (13) constituting the first connecting means.

4. (Currently amended) The assembly as claimed in Claim 3, characterized the wherein second connecting means are formed by an internal screw thread (16) provided on the bushing (15) and the conjugate of that (13) of the ring.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The assembly as claimed in Claim [[5]]11, characterized in that wherein the pivot (3) is made of composite and the attached ring (44) is made of metal.

7. (Currently amended) The assembly as claimed in Claim 11, characterized in that wherein the bushing (15) is formed of a steering cup (17).

8. (Currently amended) The assembly as claimed in Claim 11, characterized in that wherein a rotation-proofing brake (24) is provided between the bushing (15) and the pivot (3).

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (New) An assembly comprising:

a bicycle fork and a steering headset on a steering column of a bicycle frame;

a pivot to which said fork is secured, wherein said pivot is extended beyond an end of the steering column furthest from the fork to allow the attachment of a handlebar by externally clamping the pivot, and wherein said steering headset comprises a lower bearing and an upper bearing which are arranged between said pivot and said steering column;

a zone on an exterior surface of said pivot in a region of said end of the steering column furthest from the fork, wherein said zone includes first connecting means, and wherein said first connecting means comprises a ring slipped around the pivot and fixed to the pivot by bonding,

a pivot extension extending from said zone in a direction away from said fork, wherein said pivot extension has no such first connecting means; and

a bushing equipped with second connecting means complementing the first connecting means, wherein said bushing allows axial clamping of the steering headset to be adjusted by collaboration with the first connecting means.